

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 1, at line 10 as shown below:

Various valve assemblies constructed to avoid overfilling of pressurized fluid vessels are known. In US Patent No. 5,282,496 there is disclosed a two-way valve for filling and draining a gas cylinder. The valve assembly includes a float assembly for control of the opening and closing of the valve as a function of the fluid level in the tank so that the valve can be closed when the fluid level corresponds to the predetermined safe capacity of the vessel. However, this traditional valve design directs the incoming fluid jets in the general direction of the float, causing the float and the associated valve control to be disrupted ~~form~~ from its normal movement, giving false signals and possible premature closing of the valve before filling is complete.

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 24, at line 21 as shown below:

As with the previous embodiments the main cylindrical interior cavity of the lower housing part is fitted with an insert which functions as a flow diverter. This diverter indicated 338 is, in contrast to the previous embodiments, provided with a small axially arranged bore 340 allowing inflowing fluid to reach the chamber 342 within the interior of the diverter. The main valve body indicated here 344 is also of a somewhat different form, having an upper cup-like portion seated in a cylindrical recess within the interior of the diverter 338 a lower periphery of which forms the sealing portion which engages the valve seat 34, and a depending tubular control stem defining an axial bore 350 which extends down through the partition 302 into the secondary cavity 306 forming part of a secondary fluid flow passageway. The opening 351 of this bore into the cavity 306 forms a secondary valve seat of the needle valve.

Please amend the paragraph (section) beginning on page 25, at line 17 as shown below:

The operation of this valve will now be described. Figure 8 shows the valve assembly in the empty or filling condition of tank, with the float 320 in its lowermost position. In this position the needle 322 of the needle valve assembly is in its lower position where the opening 351 is unobscured. The main valve body 344 is in its uppermost position whereby there is an unobscured main fluid flow passageway from the inlet 20 around the exterior of the diverter 338 through the valve seat 34 and out through the main ports 22.